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## MR. FRANKLIN DEAD.

### Passes Away Very Unexpectedly Last Friday.

Ben Franklin, 56 years old, a fireman on the Branch Road from Mexico to Jefferson City, died very suddenly at his home in this city, at a little after 9 o'clock, last Friday night. He had returned three or four hours before from his regular run on the road to Jefferson City. Ate his supper and appeared as well as at any time in his life lately. He and his wife were out among friends after supper and Mr. Franklin was jocular and full of his usual good nature and humor. Shortly after his retiring Mrs. Franklin noticed him breathing heavily and he died before help could be called—heart failure.

Deceased was a native of Arkansas. Came to Audrain county when quite young and resided in the vicinity of Thompson. He married Miss Hattie Tinsley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Tinsley of that community. They lived at Thompson until several years ago when they moved to Mexico. The wife survives him and two sons, Lester, of Mexico, and Irvin, of St. Louis.

The burial was at Thompson Sunday afternoon with Masonic honors. The following acted as pall bearers: E. F. Elliott, Ben Haskell, Wm. Williams, T. J. Kelso, O. L. Martin, R. A. Markwell.

Other Masons from Mexico who attended the funeral were: T. L. Marshall, G. M. Null, Frank Parker, Henry Llewellyn, John Beal, Arthur Holmes, J. T. Marshall, W. T. Rowland, Alf Elliott, J. T. Hassan, J. B. Owens, H. R. Southwick, Morgan Day.

## CLASS DAY OBSERVANCE.

### Sixty-Six Pupils to Receive Certificates.

Central School in this city will observe class day May 20. Forty-three pupils will receive certificates of admission to the High School. Twenty-three pupils in the South Side School will receive certificates also.

The following will be the graduates from the Central School:

Orville Austin, Arnold Boone, Spencer Boyd, Holly Brewer, Nelson Carter, Frank Cleveland, Rogers Hays, Russell Lewis, Raymond Moore, Chas. Myers, Lawrence Preeht, Eddie Robinson, Ryland Rodes, Archie Rodgers, Harry Rose, Harper Shoush, Houston Willard, Albert Culbertson, Catherine Adams, Josephine Byrns, Mattie Byrns, Ruby Chapman, Oseola Clapper, Pauline Craddock, Helen Creasey, Irene Davis, Pauline Davis, Ollie Dahlem, Jessie Frazier, Lillie Haskell, India Johnson, Polly Miller, Agnes Moore, Elaine Miller, Edythe Quisenberry, Tommie Roberts, Wilhelmina Taylor, Jessie Trimble, Maurine Truby, Helen Wilkins, Ruth Cauthorn, Nellie Roberts, Elizabeth Taft.

The following are the South Side graduates:

Carolyn Worrell, Virginia Parker, Elizabeth Hape, Stella Peck, Mabel Thomas, Allene Reed, Nina Cooper, Marie Smith, John Dearling, Bast Davis, Kenneth Davis, Lee Richards, Clark Moody, Lawrence DeMuth, Russell Duncan, Louis Burke, Rouss Gallop, Edward Smith, Edward Million, Peter McVeigh, Noland Fry, Richard Moore.

The R. W. Luckie Wholesale Co. of this city has dissolved business.

## SOME INTERVIEWS.

"Bud" Woods: I was stretching some wire fence a few days ago and my "prize" bounded and took me in the left side, and now I'm nursing a broken rib. I'm an old stager in these parts. I was 15 months old when my father and mother came here from Kentucky. We settled on Long Branch, on a farm, Nov. 15, 1845. I staid in that neighborhood until about seven years ago when I moved into the community seven miles northeast of Mexico. I remember back beyond 50 years ago when we children at home thought we were particularly fortunate if we could get biscuits once a week—on Sunday. The rest of the week it was "jonnycake", or corn bread. We threshed the wheat by tramping the straw with horses and we took the grain to the water mill at Florida, Monroe county, to get it ground. Those were happy days for me all right.

Joe Kendall: My family and I are here from the Lone Star State. I sold my interests in the Panhandle and bought land south of San Antonio. We expect to spend the summer in Mexico with my mother, Mrs. S. E. Kendall. We shall enjoy it to be back in the old home county again.

W. R. Mudd: I am farming out between Mexico and Santa Fe. Have in 60 acres of corn and 60 acres of oats. All of it is doing fine. My 15 year old son, Alva, is my helper. He is a good one, all right; I wouldn't take a million dollars for him.

Harvey T. Powell: My little son, Ralph, 10 years old, is in bad health from diabetes. He lives on a diet of eggs; has been going it that way since the first of the year. He is gaining strength, but of course we feel very anxious and concerned for him.

## Philip Shire: Yes, my frogs are all right, since the gentle showers which began last week.

Say, I have a notion to call a mass convention to condemn the use of automobiles; they're killing too many people. I'm afraid one of 'em may get me. Seriously, now, some people are too reckless in driving their cars. A good old friend of mine, whom I had known since childhood, was killed the other day at my old home at Stanton, Ill.; by the reckless driving of an auto. Quit running your machines so hard.

C. H. Baker: I live out southeast of Thompson. Everything looks good on the farm. My little son, William Macfarlane, thinks a great deal of the Message. He has not yet forgotten that little write-up the paper gave him some time ago over the bank account he is saving. He is but a little past eight years, but he knows how to take care of his money. Ah, but us fathers think a great deal of our sons, and it is right that we should, too.

Chas. Williams: I am employed on the Joe Considine farm near Thompson. We have 100 acres of corn planted and will plant 87 acres more. We have 70 acres of wheat and 25 acres of oats. I have five brood sows and 15 pigs—my own stuff. But Joe Considine is a great farmer and stockman, and that's the truth.

Robt. McDonough: I'm the youngest carpenter in town, and they keep me pretty busy, too. I will soon be 77, and I'll run a foot race with any of them.

G. W. Pickett: I formerly lived in Judge J. W. Smith's neighborhood, southeast of Mexico. I now own a 105 acre farm two miles southwest of Thompson. That looks like a small place but it's more than a good man can take care of as it should be. The small farm is going to be the ideal farm of the future. I am planting 20 acres of cane this season. W. H. Dempsey will have 15 acres of it to make into molasses and the other five I will use for feed. It's fine stuff for stock and the seed is splendid feed for the chickens.

## THIRTY-NINE SENIORS.

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The thirty-nine Seniors of the Hardin College class of 1913 form a busy and progressive class. All year they have seen visions of a fine stone archway which will make the entrance to the campus more dignified and inspiring. By dint of hard work, a Minstrel, a school store, and the ice cream party held Tuesday night, they have raised the funds to leave this gift to the school. The pillars will bear the names of the Seniors and on the arch will be the name, "Hardin."

Those in the Class of 1913 are: A. B.—Margaret Callison, Alberta Griswold, Lucy Denham, Mildred Johnson, Selma Thompson, Alice Witherspoon, Gertrude Suess, Frances Graham.

B. L.—Pauline Bohrer, Anna Byrns, Nell Cash, Lonah Rose Dickerson, Edna Evans, Emma Kell, Helen McIntyre, Kathryn Yandell, Nina Betz.

Music Seniors—Maude Barbee, Delpha Henegar, Jennie Hinsdale, Madge Newton, Floy Sellard, Margaret Tralle, Helen Walcott.

Voice Seniors—Willie Mabel Anderson, Lygia Botts, Alva Fensky, Vera Hill Arlowein Mitchell.

Expression—Bess Gyn, Ruth Mansfield, Blanche Stake, Lois Wantland.

Art—Zola Beal, Beuhler Rhodes, Ruth Early, Ruth Hoxsey.

Violin—Bird Crum.

One day last week Prof. Million entertained the Juniors and Seniors with a delightful reception in the college parlors. The teachers were in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Million. During the afternoon Mr. Million gave an interesting talk in which he led up to the subject of the new addition to the college which when built will occupy the east side of the campus, and be three stories high. The girls are all going to work for this new end with the help of all the Alumnae and Mexico hope to have the required \$100,000 within two years. After Mr. Million's talk the girls and faculty, too, were fed most bountifully with fruit punch, brick cream, cake and mints.

Last Thursday night the Seniors in Expression gave a very pleasing recital to a large and appreciative audience. All the numbers were excellent, each Senior showing good interpretive powers.

Friday evening from nine till twelve the Seniors entertained the Juniors by "walking them to death." With Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Motley, and Misses Lottie and Agnes Vaughn as body guards, the eighty girls marched to the fair grounds where they toasted wienies and later marshmallows over a huge bonfire. Pickles and sandwiches were also served.

Miss Pearl Parker who taught in the Michigan district, near Vandalia, last year, has been employed to teach in the same district next fall at an increase of salary.

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## SCHOOL NEWS.

### The First Consolidated District—Rural Audrain Teachers.

The first consolidated school district formed under the new law was voted in Wyconda township, Clark County, on April 22. There were 86 votes for consolidation and 49 against.

The fourth annual meeting of the county superintendents convened at Jefferson City Monday. Governor Major delivered the opening address. Many noted educators are on the program. The new school laws and other educational matters will be fully discussed. The meeting will continue all week.

Miss Bessie Watson who is finishing the winter term of school in the Hickory Grove district has been employed to teach the next fall and winter term at \$60 per month. The Hickory Grove people expect to have their school approved during the next term.

Miss Alma Brown who taught the Erisman school last term has been employed to teach the Eureka school the coming term at \$50.

The following schools have employed teachers: Prairie Hill, Miss Ethel Smith; Elm Bend, Della Talbott; Liberty, Russell Shutt.

Mr. George Will Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Robertson of this city, was married Wednesday of last week to Miss Helen Harriman at Bunceston, Mo.

The parents here and a sister, Miss Ruth Robertson, attended the wedding and there were many other out of town guests. At the ceremony the bride was preceded by the groomsmen, Robert Robertson, Earl Bledsoe and Herbert Flunkett of Mexico and Harrison Grant of Fulton.

Fire destroyed the two story building in which was located the electric light plant at Perry, last Thursday morning. The building belonged to Mrs. T. M. Bates of Mexico and was valued at \$2,000, insured for \$1,000. A number of automobiles stored in the building were also lost.

Mrs. H. P. Warden returned home last week from a visit to her aged father, Prof. French Strother, at Union Hall, Va. The father accompanied Mrs. Warden home. He is over 90 years old. Mr. Strother some years ago served as county superintendent of schools of Audrain, as many will remember.

Marvin Emmons, on Long Branch, who is a brother of S. P. Emmons of Mexico, lost his residence by fire last Thursday morning. Mr. Emmons was at the barn when the fire started and Mrs. Emmons was at Molino on her way to Mexico. Nearly all the household goods were also lost.

Miss Laura Hitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hitt, who at one time lived at Centralia, was married a few days ago to Mr. W. G. Haas of Chicago. Mrs. Haas is a niece of Mrs. R. D. Worrell of Mexico.

Horace Wright and Willie McHugh were fined \$40 and costs each in Justice John T. Wayne's court last Saturday on the charge of giving beer to minors.

Miss Beth Durkee of the Mexico public schools will attend summer school during her vacation this year at the Kirksville Normal.

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## Country Churches Must Fall in Line.

The question of reviving the country church, will resolve itself largely into a question of awakening a corpse for the country church in tuning the strings for its own sad requiem, according to one reader, who voices his opinion in the Missouri Ruralist. Incompetency adorns the pulpit, hypocrisy leads the choir and indifference slumbers in the pew. In the old days of superstition the minister's garb—a symbol—was confused with what it symbolized—the spirit or purpose—and he was consequently regarded with awe and homage, then with distrust, then with annoyance. It is time for the church to awaken. The practical method of procedure is yet to be solved, but its solution lies in the resident pastor—the shepherd who knows his flock. The pastor must live, and just now the majority—a good big majority—of country communities cannot support him. The community of tomorrow will be co-operative with a graded, consolidated school presided over by a resident teacher hired for a term of years and supplied resident with a plot of ground and the pastor likewise supplied with the "meeting house" used for any proper functions the neighborhood desires.

Mr. Paul Hassler, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hassler, formerly of this city, was married a few days ago to Miss Frank Chester Bird, at Harvard, Ill. The groom is a graduate of the Mexico High School and of the State University. He is a mechanical engineer and is an exemplary young man.

Frank Wheeler, 69 years old, died at his home in this city last Friday morning. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Wheeler was a native of France and came to Mexico about 40 years ago. He was a railroad man for a number of years. A wife and two daughters survive him. The daughters are Mrs. Emma DeMuth and Mrs. G. F. Tolson. Father J. J. Dillon held funeral services at the home Saturday afternoon. Mr. Wheeler was a good neighbor and citizen and enjoyed the confidence of many friends.

One of the best of the Hardin entertainments was that of pupils of Prof. Guerne and Mrs. Adam Monday evening. At the piano were our Mexico girls, Misses Dorothy Wymore and Jane Rodgers who were indeed worthy of the applause they received. The voice numbers by Misses Leta Handy and Willie Mabel Andrews, stirred the hearts of the hearers. Piano numbers by Misses Helen Shotwell, Hallie Copeland, Madge Newton and Elizabeth Morgan sustained the standard of excellence, to which pupils of Hardin measure up. People of Mexico should miss no opportunity to encourage and enjoy the talent of these young ladies from various parts of the middle West.

There are more ducks in China than in all the world outside it. They are kept on every farm, on the private roads, and on all the lakes, rivers and small streams. There are many boats in which as many as 2,000 are kept. Their eggs form one of the chief articles of food. They are hatched in houses fitted up for the purpose. Some of these houses turn out as many as 50,000 young ducks every year. Salted and smoked ducks are sold in all the towns, and many of them are exported to countries where Chinamen reside.

"Buzz" Kelly, colored, was fined \$37.50 before Justice Wayne last Saturday on the charge of shooting craps.

## Annual Statement

### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

#### Audrain County.

#### For the Year 1912.

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ELECTIONS.

Mexico Ledger, publication	165.65
and prin ting	186.00
The Intelligencer Pub. Co.	78.04
Mexico Message, publication	76.04
Laddonia Herald, same	62.50
Beal and Mayhall, ballots	5.00
Vandalia Leader, publication	5.00
Farber Forum, same	5.00
Martinsburg Oracle, same	5.00
Vandalia Mail, same	5.00
John Wayne, J. P. casting up vote	5.00
Jo H. Ricketts, services	5.00
Judges and clerks	966.00
Geo. D. Barnard & Co., supplies	234.37
W. L. Craddock, same	7.05
J. R. Kilgore, Constable, Wilson Township	37.00
E. L. Gorman, Constable, Saling township	25.75
J. W. Barnett, Constable of Salt River township	52.00
Jeff T. Asher, Constable, Prairie township	33.60
L. T. Pasley, Constable, Linn township	13.00
J. E. Clark, Constable, Louisa township	29.26
J. S. Atkins, Constable, Culver township	29.50
J. B. Woolery, Sheriff, services	20.00
Total	2045.76
Paid on account of Coroners fees	62.57
Paid on account of criminal cost	5036.23

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF SALARIES.

Alex Carter, Presiding Judge County court	182.60
S. C. Groves, Judge Western District	205.00
J. S. Gatson, Judge Eastern District	146.50
J. L. Shobe, Superintendent of Schools	1200.00
J. B. Woolery, Sheriff	751.40
E. F. Elliott, Clerk of the Circuit Court	223.75
E. F. Ketter, Surveyor and Ex-officio Highway Engineer	664.70
E. S. Gantt, Prosecuting Attorney	700.00
J. B. Graham, Clerk of the County Court	2768.13
Noble Barnes, Treasurer	1000.00
T. J. Kalso, Assessor	895.89
S. A. P. Allen, Collector of Revenue	1003.64
Total	9741.61

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS.

John H. Lane, Treasurer, Mexico special road district	1630.00
O. L. Carpenter, for right of-way	17.50
R. N. Gray, for work on road	40.00
J. A. Farmer, same	50.00
A. C. Pledge, same	52.50
Ferris & Cauthorn, supplies	7.28
J. W. Wakofield, right-of-way	66.65
Ernest Schneider, right of way	25.00
Total	1948.93

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF COUNTY FARM.

McIntyre & Pickett, livestock	6.00
Griffe & Martin, supplies	1.50
Wm. Brock Mill & Elevator Co., feed and supplies	87.28
F. W. Brand, Grocery supplies	35.95
W. S. Ruggedale, supplies	.65
Guthrie & Son, coal	117.45
Otis Purdy, drug supplies	17.30
Dr. R. W. Berrey, Physician	50.00
W. S. Hamilton, supt.	880.00
Horace Mundy, supplies	46.92
G. L. Ferris, repairs	1.75
G. W. White, blacksmithing	7.65
Ferris & Cauthorn, hardware supplies	40.33
J. C. King, grocery supplies	24.13
G. W. Robertson, hardware supplies	196.36
Missouri-Kansas Telephone Co., phone	12.96
Gray Bros, work on well	105.90
Ricketts-Emmons Dry Goods Co., supplies	98.91
Milfred Berry, supplies	1.50
J. P. Powell, hardware supplies	8.15
Martin & Myers, grocery supplies	37.85
Geo. VanHorn, expert opinion on plans	60.00
Hathaway Seed & Produce Co., supplies	17.30
E. D. Carter, supplies	24.00
J. W. Dry, hardware, supplies	19.85
F. A. Morris, grocery supplies	.85
R. H. Phillips, superintending building	75.00
Pittsburg Testing Laboratories, opinion on plans	75.00
Louis O'Brien, labor	6.00
Moore & Fields, grocery supplies	211.50
J. B. Evans Construction Co., bal. on building	2970.00
McPheeters Bros, Furniture supplies	61.41
O. Hensen, labor	.85
C. & A. Railroad, freight	6.40
D. Hamilton, labor	44.00
Wabash Railroad, freight	14.81
J. M. Green, Fur. Co. sup.	13.47
Ricketts & Whitnev, insurance	25.00
Haskell Bros, blacksmithing	5.00
Wilkins & Brown, supplies	2.00
A. H. Biggers, plastering	8.00
G. L. Denham, insurance	4.46
Frank Duckworth, painting	50.00
LaCrosse Lumber Co., supplies	18.67
Berger & Ball, plumbing	42.00

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. R. C. Strode, physician county board of health	40.25
Otis Purdy, supplies, same	9.95
S. C. Groves, expense to St. Louis	17.05
Alex Carter, county board of equalization	5.00
S. C. Groves, same	5.00
J. S. Gatson, same	5.00
T. J. Kelso, same	10.00
E. F. Ketter, same	10.00
Willard Potts, same	10.00
S. D. Byrnes, same	10.00
Geo. Conkley, county text book commission	15.50
Miss Elizabeth Gill, same	15.00
J. B. Graham, making annual statement receipts and expenditures	40.00
City of Mexico Foreign Insurance tax, apportioned	514.29
City of Vandalia, same	113.15
Town of Farber, same	27.28
Town of Laddonia, same	49.91
Town of Rush Hill, same	13.02
Town of Benton City, same	6.82
Town of Martinsburg, same	45.57
W. Y. Jones for burying of dead animal	1.00
Mexico Fair Assn. premiums	100.00
Centralia Fair Assn, same	25.00
Sturgeon Fair Assn, same	25.00
J. T. Baker, supplies Justice of Peace	2.50
Total	1115.39

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF POOR.

J. W. Yager, Brother Indigent	40.00
J. I. Mathews, sister indigent	75.00
Riley Wilkerson, Ed Wilkerson, indigent	40.00
Louisa Campbell Son, indigent	40.00
Belle Brown (col.) Brother indigent	20.00
Albert Jones, Jas Downing, indigent	40.00
T. J. Stephens, self and family, indigent	60.00
City of Mexico, poor of said city	229.38
J. D. Miller, Joe Reynolds, indigent	67.50
C. L. Stewart, Mrs. Mundy indigent	40.00
W. G. Wilkins, Mrs. Sam Fletcher	40.00
W. G. Wilkins, Mrs. G. L. Maxwell and children indigent	80.00
Geo. Porter, self indigent	40.00
Fr. J. J. Dillon, John Burns, Reardon, indigent	38.00
Fr. J. J. Dillon, John Burns, indigent	40.00
Frank Armstrong, Mr. Foster, indigent	45.50
J. W. Blum, Mrs. Cowell and children, indigent	60.00
L. R. Ferris, Mrs. Dave Wilson and children, indigent	25.00
Rich Hall, Jas. Norman, indigent	25.00
J. N. Rosser, burial of indigent person	8.50
McPheeters Bros, pauper coffins	40.50
John W. Howell, Julia Shepherd, indigent	8.34

Garrett & Garrett, supplies tin work	1.25
Haas-Lieber Gro. Co., supplies	6.65
Farmers and laborers Insurance Co., insurance	1.25
S. S. Roberts, blacksmithing	5.75
Joe Barker, labor	20.00
L. W. Roberts, supplies	12.50
Mexico Fire Brick and Clay Co., supplies	30.00
Otto Byars, digging well	28.00
W. W. Johnson, supplies, horse	185.00
S. D. Stocks, for Phillips, Bal. ac. Supt. Bldg	200.00
E. F. Elliott, cost in R. H. Phillips vs. County	5.50
T. J. Gibson, moving houses	100.00
Total	6128.64

#### PAID ON ACCOUNT OF COURT HOUSE.

J. D. Miller, for janitor services	600.00
J. D. Miller, supplies	15.55
R. L. Hughes, repairs	9.39
Pilcher Jewelry Co., supplies and repairs	21.00
Llewellyn & Sons, supplies	17.00
Berger & Ball, plumbing	133.71
M. T. Vandergrift, painting	15.00
Ricketts-Emmons Dry Goods Co., supplies	15.00
Mexico Power Co., water supplies	108.80
Same, light	104.40
Same, heat	425.00
G. W. Robertson, hardware supplies	12.45
Missouri-Kansas Telephone Co., phone	32.15
Art Metal Construction Co., supplies, filing tills	342.00
Ferris & Starr, repairing	24.70
Joe B. Daniels, same	4.30
J. W. Freeman, same	174.50
J. W. Rouse, supplies	.75
McPheeters Bros, same	8.50
Ferris & Cauthorn, same	15.36
J. T. Marshall, repairs	7.50
D. L. Highbarger, plastering	4.30
A. U. Morse & Co., supplies	11.00
T. S. Riley, for winding Ct. House clock	37.50
Arctic Ice & Storage Co., supplies, ice	59.60
Bert F. Wells, plumbing	7.70
O. E. Tucker, repairing electrical wiring	49.75
L. W. Roberts, supplies	3.50
J. W. Tanner, same	19.25
S. A. P. Allen, same	576.72
Coatsworth Lum. Co., supplies	.15
E. S. Gantt, supplies	1.00
Total	2980.34

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